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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS - UN GENEVA

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- 1. BECAUSE OF SYG WALDHEIM'S OBVIOUS PREOCCUPATION WITH THE EXTENDED MEETINGS OF THE SSOD AND HIS SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA JULY 1, POLMIN APPROACHED UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL BUFFUM DURING THE FINAL SSOD SESSION VERY EARLY JULY 1. BUFFUM LISTENED TO THE PRESENTATION OF CONCERN INSTRUCTED REFTEL AND AGREED COMPLETELY, ALTHOUGH HEWAS NOT FULLY INFORMED ABOUT RECENT PRESS PLAY ON THE APPOINTMENT
- 2. BUFFUM DREW ALBERT ROHAN, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO WALDHEIM, INTO THE CONVERSATION. POLMIN REPEATED THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS TO ROHAN, WHO RECEIVED THEM SOMEWHAT STIFFLY. HE RECONFIRMED THAT POLMIN WAS ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND ASKED THE PURPOSE OF THE DEMARCHE. POLMIN REPEATED THAT WE BELIEVED THE SYG SHOULD SEEK TO DETERMINE THE ACCURACY OF THE REPORTS, AND IF THEY PROVED TO BE TRUE HE SHOULD QUESTION VERY SERIOUSLY THE ADVISABILITY OF THE APPOINTMENTS. POLMIN ADDED THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD FIND IT VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RATIONALE FOR APPOINTMENTS OF SUCH OFFICIALS TO SENIOR POSTS IN THE UN SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY TO POSITIONS DEALING WITH UN PERSONNEL. ROHAN SIMPLY OBSERVED THAT DNEPROVSKY'S APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE. HE ALSO SAID DNEPROVSKY IS UNIVERSALLY CONSIDERED TO BE A COMPETENT PROFESSIONAL IN PERSONNEL AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS.

3. BOTH BUFFUM AND ROHAN, HOWEVER, ASSURED POLMIN THAT THEY WOULD

BRING OUR "DEMARCHE" TO THE ATTENTION OF WALDHEIM BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR GENEVA.

4. UNDER THE LATE-NIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DID NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM UKUN OF OUR APPROACH IN ADVANCE. WE WILL COMPLETE THAT LOOP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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